



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary February 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kevin Linck and introductions were done. The meeting summary from January 14, 2013 was approved as corrected (Graham moved; Firley seconded).

**Update from the County Council** – Councilmember Roger Berliner from Council District 1 discussed the addition to his district that now runs along the Potomac River from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area to the Frederick County line and includes the western part of the Upcounty and Agricultural Reserve. He also briefly discussed challenges and opportunities for the county.

Later, Dale Tibbitts (Councilmember Elrich's office) and Josh Faust (Councilmember Berliner's office) announced upcoming discussions for the full Council and Council Committees.

### **Update from the Upcounty Regional Director**

Catherine Matthews shared the following information.

- Jewru Bandeh has been appointed as the new Regional Services Director for East County. His confirmation by the Council is expected on February 26. Mr. Bandeh was a former member of the Upcounty Regional Office staff.
- Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman has been appointed as the County's new liaison to the faith community. He has been working with the Department of Permitting Services and the Upcounty Regional Services Director to address some congregations' problems and to further outreach efforts. (Rev. Tim Warner, the former liaison (and former UCAB member) was now with Montgomery County Public Schools.)
- Legislation addressing tree canopy in communities and roadside trees is before the Council.
- Other announcements are found in the latest Upcounty Today! e-newsletter.

### **Guest Discussion – "Welcome to First Energy/Potomac Edison"**

David Kline, Manager of External Affairs, First Energy Power Company, and Michael Hosier, General Manager/Operations Services, First Energy/Potomac Edison presented an overview of the company which acquired Allegheny Power in 2012. They are interested in meeting with community groups to introduce the company and to hear customers' comments.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Board Chair Kevin Linck briefed the group on PEPCO's activities and he will continue to represent UCAB at PEPCO's Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Group meetings.

### **Committee Reports**

*Land Use* – Committee Chair Robert Nelson reported that Philip Tarnoff would be the guest for their February 25 meeting to discuss traffic management.

*Shady Grove Plan Implementation* – Natalia Farrar announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 13.

*Upcounty Recreation Advisory Committee* – The next meeting is scheduled for February 20.

### **New Business**

Board member Scott Graham reminded the group that County Executive Leggett would be forwarding his recommended operating budget to the County Council in mid-March. He suggested that the board request additional staff resources for the Upcounty Regional Services Office.

**Community Concerns** - None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. (Aviles moved; Firley seconded).

*Attendance:* Andres Aviles, Juan Cardenas, Natalia Farrar, Mark Firley, Scott Graham, James King, Matthew Leakan, Kevin Linck, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals.

*Additional Guests:* Dale Tibbitts, Josh Faust, Rev. Mansfield Kaseman, Roger Heasley, Cmdr. James Fenner

*Staff:* Catherine Matthews